

REMARKS

This paper responds to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on July 15, 2005.

I. Restriction Requirement

The claims of the application have been restricted into three groups:

- Group I: claims 10-28, drawn to compositions;
- Group II: claims 29-66, drawn to a method of making a suspension; and
- Group III: claims 67-74, drawn to a method of making a solution.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 10-28, drawn to compositions. The restriction is traversed on the grounds that the search and examination of the claims of Groups I, II, and II is not unduly burdensome.

II. Election of Species

The Examiner also required an election of species between for each of the following:

1. aqueous dispersions or dry compositions (claims 20 and 23);
2. a single surface modifier among those listed in claims 25-28 and 63-66; and
3. a single polymeric resin among those listed in claims 45-48.

In response, Applicants elect aqueous dispersions, a non-ionic surface modifier which is polyvinylpyrrolidone as the surface modifier, and cross-linked polystyrene as the polymeric resin.

Applicants assume that the Examiner has imposed the species election requirement for ease of examination and that once the Examiner finds the elected combination of species allowable, the search will be extended to the other recited species. Thus, the claims will not

be restricted to a single specie or particular combination of species upon allowance of a generic claim.

III. Conclusion

The present application is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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